

**Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
September 8, 2009**

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:30 pm at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending: Mayor Seth Gallagher, Trustees Lynn Miller, Bruce Campbell, Gordon Robertson and J. Ralph Falloon

Also: Stephen Gaba, Village Attorney, Ellen Mageean, Village Accountant, James Hartford, Building Inspector, Stephen Smith, Fire Inspector and Village Justice Thomas Costello

Members of the Public

Mayor Gallagher called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The 8-25-09 minutes have been amended to indicate that Trustee Robertson left the meeting. Trustee Campbell moved to accept the 8/10/09, 8/11/09, 8/25/09, 9/1/09 minutes as amended and seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved.

Justice Court Report

Justice Thomas Costello attended at the request of the board to discuss parking fines. He first reviewed the monthly Justice Court report. Judge Costello sent correspondence to the board in December of 2008 that indicated two different methods of increasing parking fines by imposing flat fees or doubling or tripling of fines. Examples from two communities were provided. He recommended increases thirty days after the appearance date. A spreadsheet with recommended changes in parking fees was reviewed and Justice Costello commented that decreasing fines for overtime parking will decrease revenues. In his opinion, forty-five dollars for overtime parking and for over the line were a bit steep but other fines were appropriate. Trustee Robertson spoke of the cost to generate and process parking tickets. In response to Mayor Gallagher's query about the status of the new parking system, Judge Costello commented that overall the system is working well and all open parking tickets are entered. Some difficulty was encountered with getting names of vehicle owners and this problem is being worked on by software support.

Financial Report

Resolution 2009-34

Trustee Gordon Robertson moved Resolution 2009-34 and seconded by Trustee Campbell:

Resolved that (1) The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring hereby approves the following Budget Adjustment(s) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year:

To: A00-8560-400	Tree Removal- Contractual	\$2,000
From: A00-1910-400	Unallocated Insurance	\$2,000
To: A00-8540-100	Storm Drain- Personal Service	\$3,200
From: A00-5110-100	Highway Street Maintenance- Personal Service	\$3,200

And (2) The Accountant is hereby authorized to transfer such funds immediately:

On roll call vote:

Trustee Ralph Falloon voted yes

Trustee Bruce Campbell voted yes

Trustee Gordon Robertson voted yes

Trustee Lynn Miller voted yes

Mayor Seth Gallagher voted yes

Resolution officially adopted on September 8, 2009.

Ms. Mageean provided board members with a quarterly report and a statement of actual and estimated revenues for the period ending 8/31/09. The following budget lines were highlighted:

- Interest and earnings budgeted amount \$5,000- with current interest rate of .20%, \$1,000 is more realistic.
- \$55,000 in tax revenue remains uncollected
- Garbage and recycling – both accounts are estimated to be over budget by the end of the fiscal year (\$6,000 for refuse and \$4,000 for recycling)
- Medical insurance about \$10,000 under budget at this time
- Revenues \$7,500 has been promised by Putnam County for garbage collection

Building Inspector

James Hartford read the monthly report. There was brief discussion about the number of hours the Building Inspector devotes to this position and Mr. Hartford pointed out that during the past month he worked 37 hours on village business.

Fire Inspector

Stephen Smith read the monthly report including inspections, permits issued and complaints.

Police Report

Mayor Gallagher spoke with OIC Kane about monthly reports reflecting the number of calls outside the village. The category “officer calls for assistance” is basically the number of calls outside the village limits and during the last month there were 5 calls to assist out of 103 calls.

Water Report

The RFP for engineering services to study the reservoirs and dams has been completed and will be published next week.

Waste Water Report

G. Phillips contacted J. Robert Folchetti and Associates and submitted some preliminary data. They have requested to look into possible grant money for the aeration system upgrade and possibly the inflow and infiltration study for our collection system. The village received the final SPDES permit, specifically the permit limits, levels and monitoring.

Recreation Report

The board considered and approved several applications for use of village property and forwarded to the village board. Signage at the riverfront and Mayor's Park was again discussed. Signs that were purchased several years ago have not been installed.

Commission members expressed their concerns about the proposed waterfront lighting specifically the number of additional lights needed and the safety and aesthetics of the new lights. The biggest concern is the lack of communication on specific waterfront topics as the board was not informed of the lighting change.

Mayor Gallagher commented that he thought the board was aware of the proposal.

Additionally, the village board reserves the right for overall control of parks.

James Hartford, Building Inspector added that the waterfront lighting project should go through the permit process.

Trustee Robertson moved to approve of the applications for use of village property previously approved by the Recreation Commission. Motion seconded by Trustee Miller and unanimously approved.

Special Board Report

The report on Marathon and Dockside properties has been completed and will be presented to the village board. An RFP has been issued for planning services to assist in preparation of a local waterfront plan and strategy. A revised vision and goals statement has been accepted by the Special Board.

Chamber of Commerce Report

At the last meeting, membership discussed holding a security seminar for business owners and preventative measures.

Fire Company Liaison

Members discussed formation of a joint fire district and will proceed with a fact finding mission.

Report of the Mayor and Board of Trustees

Trustee Campbell has started review of the RFP's for the Main Street lighting and sidewalks.

Trustee Miller is pursuing dog waste composting and will submit her idea to Recreation Commission. Cost of supplies is approximately \$363.50 plus shipping.

Mayor Gallagher spoke of upcoming sidewalk repairs/replacements on Route 9D, Orchard Street and Northern Avenue. Paving is scheduled for Fish Street, Rock Street, Cross Street and depressed pavement areas on Fair Street.

Mayor spoke of potential problems with the new optical scan voting machines.

Correspondence

Cablevision informed residents that effective 10/7/09 analog boxes used as tuners, remote controls and parental control devices will no longer function.

Walt Thompson of Keep Putnam Beautiful urged businesses and homeowners to plant flowers along road frontages and invited everyone to a kick-off party on 9-22-09.

Stephen Tomann wrote on behalf of Atlas LLC to request a perpetual easement across the firehouse/village property to remove storm water from the roof of 144 Main Street.

Unfinished Business

A request was previously made to purchase village property in front of 144 Main to rebuild a portico as shown in old photographs. Stephen Gaba will follow up and Trustee Falloon will speak to the contractor working on 144 Main to develop a list of work done for the village benefit.

Scenic Hudson requested a letter of support for designation of the West Point Foundry to the National Register of Historic Places. Trustee Miller moved to approve of sending letter to the Director of Historic Preservation and seconded by Trustee Campbell.

On roll call vote: Trustee Campbell voted yes, Trustee Miller voted yes, Trustee Robertson voted yes, Trustee Falloon voted yes and Mayor Gallagher voted yes.

New Business

Legislator Vinny Tamagna was scheduled to speak on the 2010 Putnam County Budget but was not available. Putnam County will be providing \$7,500 to support refuse collection in the village.

Public Comment

R. Montello, of 3 East Belvedere Street, presented the board with information about the ownership of East Belvedere Street. He has been working with G. Michaud, Director of Putnam County Real Property and has concluded that East Belvedere Street belongs to the village. S. Gaba will review and report to the board.

B. Budney, Town of Philipstown Council member informed the board that the town will not be holding a cleanup this year. Ms. Budney was complemented for her work on the town cemeteries.

K. Phillips asked if the \$10,000 overage in health insurance budget line will be used for the Board of Trustees. Mayor Gallagher responded that a board resolution would be required.

Anne Impellizzeri asked if there was an opportunity for revenues from private uses of village property.

Michael Mell asked about the plans to control truck traffic and limit vibrations on Fair Street. (as per previous correspondence from S. Peehl). Mayor Gallagher spoke of using a digitalized radar sign but the cost is approximately \$3,000 to \$3,500 and the board would need to discuss where these funds would come from. Trustee Campbell spoke of traffic calming devices and street repairs to alleviate this problem.

Michael Armstrong spoke about moving the traffic penguin located at the intersection of Route 9D and Benedict Road into the middle of the road. James Hartford and Jan Thacher spoke of safety concerns and called for increased enforcement at this intersection.

Trustee Campbell moved to enter into closed session to confer with counsel and seconded by Trustee Robertson and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk